

Unemployment Benefit Appeals

- ✓ More than 70% of the 52,000 applications for benefits in 2008 were not disputed.
- ✓ Resolution of disputed claims:
 - 32% allowed with no penalty.
 - 66% of the penalties were a 1 to 12 week postponement of benefit payments. Vacation pay, severance pay, and being fired for misconduct delays benefit payments.
 - 34% of penalties were a disqualification until the individual returned to work and earned wages.
- ✓ Only 14% determinations issued were appealed to the first level.
- ✓ 40% of those appealed to first level resulted in the initial decision being changed.
- ✓ Only 12% of first level appeal decision appeal were appealed to Employment Security Board.
- ✓ 11% of those appealed to second level resulted in a change in the first level's decision.
- ✓ 6% of second level appeal decision appeal to Supreme Court.
- ✓ 0 % of those appealed to Supreme Court where reversed.